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1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

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1 Relating to: urging Congress and the President to enact legislation to allow 2 concurrent receipt of military longevity pay and disability benefits. 3 Whereas, integral to the success of our U.S. armed forces are those service men and women who have made a career of defending this country; and 4 5 Whereas, military retirees who have at least 20 years of active service receive 6 retirement pay based on longevity; and 7 Whereas, some of these retirees may be eligible for compensation for a service-connected disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and 8 9 Whereas, an inequity exists in that the federal government denies these 10 retirees concurrent receipt of retirement pay and compensation for a 11 service-connected disability; and Whereas, they may receive one or the other, or must waive a portion of their 12 13 retirement pay, equal to the amount of their veterans disability compensation 14 benefit; and

Whereas, each veteran adjudicated as having a service-connected disability should be entitled to just compensation for his or her sacrifice and contribution of military service; and

Whereas, no such deduction applies to other federal civil service employes; disabled retirees who have held a nonmilitary federal position receive both full retirement and full compensation for their service-connected disability; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature hereby respectfully urges the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to enact legislation to allow full, concurrent receipt of military longevity pay and service-connected disability compensation benefits; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to all members of the Wisconsin delegation to Congress, the presiding officers of the U.S. house of representatives and the U.S. senate and the President of the United States.

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